

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17, 26 and 32 are pending. claims 11, 12, and 32 are amended, claims 18-25, and 27-31 are cancelled. By virtue of this response, claims 1-10 have been withdrawn. Claims 11-12, and 32 have been amended.

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed March 4, 2010, Applicant provisionally elects the invention of Group II, claims 11-17, 26 and 32, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding a delta-9 desaturase, and a vector, host cell and plant comprising said nucleic acid and a method of extracting oil from said plant.

Claim 11 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1. Claim 12 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 9. Support for these amendments can be found in the originally filed claims 1 and 9. Claim 32 has been amended to be dependent from claim 26.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for allowance. The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance at an early date is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

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